THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The Government have signed a contract with the Canadian Wheat Board in June, 1992 for import of 10.05 lakh tonnes of wheat. Some balancing import of wheat became unavoidable due to factors like fall in production of foodgrains especially coarse-grains during 1991-92 as compared to the production during 1990-91 with consequent imbalance in demand-supply lower level of procurement of wheat during 1991-92 and 1992-93 marketing seasons and the consequent need for building up stocks in the Central Pool for maintaining supplies in Public Distribution System (PDS) and achieving food security.

(c) During January to June, 1992 the State Trading Corporation exported 1.25 lakh tonnes of wheat.

(d) Since January, 1992 export of wheat has been restricted to the firm contractual obligations entered into earlier by STC and MMTC.

Establishment of new sugar factories in Gujarat

1679. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Gujarat State for change of the location for establishment of a new sugar factory;

(b) if so, at which stage the proposal is laying;

(c) by when the matter is likely to be finalised;

(d) how many proposals have been received from Gujarat State for establishment of new sugar factories;

(e) what steps have been taken by Government in the matter; and

(f) by when the proposals are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. 3 proposals have been received for change of location of new sugar factories in the State of Gujarat which are pending consideration. Certain information has been called for from the State Government in respect of 2 proposals on the receipt of which, these cases would be processed further. As regards the 3rd proposal, it is under consideration.

(d) to (f) As on 30-6-1992, 12 applications have been received by the Ministry of Food through the Department of Industrial Development for grant of Letters of Intent for the establishment of new sugar factories in the State of Gujarat. In view of the large pendency of unimplemented Letters of Intent/Licences already issued, proposals for new sugar factories have not yet been taken up for consideration.

Freeze on grants to central universities

1680. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 46 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th July, 1992 and state:

(a) the reasons for freezing the grants or resorting to cut of grants to Central Universities alongwith the reasons for withdrawing the same;

(b) what are the details of the ways and means to meet this additional burden; and

(c) the plan worked out by Government for the loan based self financed education at higher level?